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## THE HOME MAILS.

Dec. 10th. Europe (via Siberia), per a.s.  
LIANGCHOW.  
TO DEPART  
Dec. 9th. Europe via Siberia, at 3 p.m.,  
per a.s. SHANTUNG.  
Dec. 11th. Japan via Moji, Honolulu,  
United States, South America  
and Canada via San Francisco  
and United Kingdom via  
Canada, at 11 a.m., per a.s.  
SHINYO MARU.  
Dec. 11th. Saigon, Straits, Burmah, Cey-  
lon, Adelaide, Western Australia,  
India, Aden, Egypt and  
Europe, at 4 p.m., per a.s.  
POLYNESIA.  
Dec. 11th. Europe via Siberia, at 5 p.m.,  
per a.s. CHENAN.  
Dec. 14th. Philippine Islands, Japan via  
Nagasaki, Honolulu, United  
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Canada via San Francisco and  
United Kingdom via Canada, at  
9.30 a.m., per a.s. NIPPON MARU.  
Dec. 14th. Europe via Siberia, at 11 a.m.,  
per a.s. TAKUMI MARU.  
Dec. 14th. Shanghai, North China, Japan  
via Moji, Victoria, B.O., and  
Seattle, at 11 a.m., per a.s.  
TAKUMI MARU.  
Dec. 14th. Europe via Siberia, at 3 p.m.,  
per a.s. AMURU.  
Dec. 16th. Straits, Ceylon, Port Said,  
Marseilles and London, at 11  
a.m., per a.s. KAMO MARU.  
Dec. 16th. Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Ade-  
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**THE SAMAGAGA RUBBER CO., LD.**  
ANNUAL MEETING AT SHANGHAI.

The fifth annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Samagaga Rubber Co., Ltd., was held at the head office of the Company, No. 6, Peking Road, Shanghai.

Mr. L. J. Cubitt, who presided, said the estate of 635 acres of rubber with 100,000 trees, 231 acres of coconuts with 14,800 trees, 250 acres of lalang land, an ample drainage system, sufficient buildings, and a contented and healthy labour force.

These results had been achieved by an expenditure far in excess of the £13,000 provided by the balance of the subscribed capital after paying for the estate. The development account stood now in the books at £14,000 only, but the figures in the margin shows that the total amount expended to September 30th, 1915, reached £13,235,989.97.

The amount written off development account (£13,26,000) may seem large, proceeded the Chairman, but the money has been spent on the land; it is not available for dividend and no useful purpose would have been served by carrying it forward in profit and loss account. Development account still stands at a pretty big figure and not more than half the planted area is at present in bearing, so there is still from two to three years more to provide, and over and above this there are still 229 acres in lalang to be cleared and planted up.

Buildings, and other capital items, have been written down to considerably below present values, being represented in the balance sheet as worth only £18,000 altogether. The cost of production, all in, has been brought well below 1/- per lb. and compares favourably with estates having a more elaborate equipment. Our manager is able to turn out first-class smoked sheet with hand machines, the total cost of which has not exceeded \$550 and he has erected two smoke houses for \$1,000. Here we have economy and efficiency combined and the result is seen at once in that figure of 10/- all in. The lower grades are expected by an adjoining estate and have already been well made. The output in the near future, however, will necessitate the installation of machinery.

I dare say you have looked at that 321 acres of coconuts on the front page of the report and wondered when it was going to justify its existence, considering the bulk of the trees are from eight to twelve years old and coconuts should begin to bear in their sixth or seventh year. The fact is, coconuts in their early years require a loose soil and great care—their infancy—however, was spent amidst the most unpromising surroundings and their aspirations checked in every possible way. Small wonder then that at ages ranging from three to seven years—that is, at the time they were handed over to us—instead of being robust and healthy, we found them pale sickly and stunted.

It has been the task of the manager, by care and good treatment, to restore these ailing ones to a vigorous adolescence. It has taken a long time, but there are hopeful signs that the effort has not been in vain. Last year the yield from seventeen acres was 40,000 nuts and this year there will be thirty-four acres in bearing, from which 90,000 nuts are expected. 100,000 nuts would about pay for the up-keep of the whole 231 acres, and as the cost of collection is very small we may hope in the near future to see these long neglected acres repaying us for the care and money spent upon them.

We estimate the output of all grades of rubber for the current financial year at about 125,000 lb. and on October 3rd, your directors thought it wise to secure a portion of their expenditure by the sale of a moderate quantity of rubber in equal monthly deliveries over twelve months and, accordingly, a contract for twenty tons ex- godown Penang was entered into at \$123 per picul net, the equivalent of 62½ cents per lb. The average price fetched, last year was 58 cents net. Shortly after making this contract, prices rose rapidly. No further contracts have been made.

The policy of the Board throughout has been to clear and plant up each year as much of the lalang land as possible, having regard to the company's finances. Last year, funds were insufficient to carry out the modest programme of fifty acres which we had in view, as it was imperative to build bunds to keep out the flood water from which the district suffers from time to time.

The manager has sent us an estimate for planting up the two blocks, aggregating 250 acres, amounting to \$18,000, and the cost of up-keep till maturity aggregating \$30,000 spread over four years, that is to say, an average of \$7,500 a year till 1920, by which time the whole area would be in bearing at a cost of, say \$200 an acre, giving a total rubber area of 635 acres, at a cost of £50 an acre. But, to use a homely simile, we must cut our coat according to our cloth, and your directors have come to the conclusion that 125 acres is as much as can be taken in hand without unduly burdening the revenue in one year. Given, reasonably good luck, it should be possible to develop this amount and still make some return to the shareholders. Next year it will be necessary to install machinery, as by that time the bulk of the 1912 and 1913 plantings should be in bearing and the output will have become too large to be dealt with by hand.

From what I have said you will have gathered that your directors have worked on the broad principle of getting the whole estate into bearing and fully equipped, the existing capital and of recommending the payment of dividends only from actual cash in hand—hitherto it has been absolutely necessary to spend all revenue on maintenance and development, but we hope the time is now approaching when without abandoning the policy of development, it may be possible to inaugurate a policy of dividends as well.

The report and accounts as presented were adopted. Mr. Gray Graygrey was re-elected a director and it was agreed that the directors be paid by way of remuneration for their services a sum of £1,750 annually, this sum to be divided among them in such proportions as they may determine.

**THE GERMAN FASHION.**  
OCTOPUS TENTACLES ON THE DRESSMAKING WORLD.

Paris has started to put its house in order as far as dress production is concerned. At a world-famous house in the Place de l'Opera the presiding genius up to this week has been a German, but owing to public feeling the position has been vacated, and to take up the reins, as a compliment, perhaps, to the Allies, a Londoner has been elected to carry on the work.

As in various other spheres of industry, it appears, the German has gradually insinuated himself into the very heart of dressmaking in Paris, and according to Mr. Frank Brighton, who directs the London house of the famous Maison Lewis, there will undoubtedly be a tremendous wave of prosperity for dressmaking in France when the German element is dislodged.

"It is a question of art and commerce," said Mr. Brighton. "The German, as everyone knows, cannot create fashion, but he can organise and buy people who can evolve styles. In this way the German can get at the very root of a business concern and conduct its entire finances. It is well known in Paris that many houses are run under French names by Germans. The artist—that is, the dress creator—of the house is a Frenchman, and he draws a big salary and gives his name to the concern, while the German controls the capital."

In addition to insinuating himself into the heart of fashion in Paris, the German has been in a position to photograph the best Parisian models early in the season and despatch the pictures to Germany, where the models have been quickly copied and circulated to other countries as German fashions. Dress photography in Paris as an industry has practically been in the hands of Germans, it is stated.

**WHEN WILL THE SUN BURST?**

**ASTRONOMER'S TALK OF THE END OF THE WORLD.**

Unless the Allies hurry up and make up their minds how they intend to finish the war, old King Sol may solve the problem for them, says Professor Camille Flammarion. Incidentally, the whole world would be blown to atoms at the same time, and there would be nobody left to haggle over the terms of peace.

The French astronomer Flammarion has been busy himself lately with the constellation of the sun. He finds that, instead of condensing and shrinking little by little, as was formerly supposed, the sun is constantly dilating more and more, and reaching the point of bursting. And if the sun blow up, there would be no more need for us poor mortals to worry as to the outcome of the war.

It is no use brushing this responsibility aside as mere nonsense. Big suns every where as important in their own constellations as ours are frequently victims of an explosion. There was one in the constellation of Perseus early in 1901, and since then two at least have occurred in other celestial groups, one as recently as March, 1912.

Observation has shown long since that the great orb which is our all in all is a most uncertain character. Sun spots, fire blazes, and such-like phenomena are by no means the most of which he is capable; the manner in which the sun throws off atomic energy and transforms the heavy into light elements, hydrogen, helium, nebulium, archonium, and what not, spells nothing good for this world, and a mere nothing might lead to a disaster any day.

In short, it is bound to come at some time or other. Unfortunately, science can give us no idea as to when. Centuries, and even hundreds of centuries, are as but a moment in the history of the universe, says Professor Flammarion, and for all we know the sun may have millions of years more life before it. No man can tell, though, and just as the strongest of us are struck down in a moment, so the all-powerful planet may blow out at any time—and when it does it will make but short work of all of us here below.

**A QUEER SEA STORY.**

The Berlin police are busy investigating one of the most extraordinary and mysterious cases with which they have ever had to deal, writes the Amsterdam correspondent of the Sunday Times. About a fortnight ago a man appeared in Düsseldorf, where he began to misbehave himself to a degree that was a scandal to the records of that highly respectable city, spending money with such prodigality that he attracted the attention of the police. The man, when arrested, gave his name as Hendrick Andersen, declared himself to be a sailor, of which he had every appearance, was uncertain as to his nationality, spoke German with a strong foreign accent, and said that he had been born in Sumatra in 1877. He declared further that on his last sea voyage he had been one of the crew of a schooner, also of uncertain nationality, which had encountered in the Irish Sea a sloop which had evidently been torpedoed and abandoned. The schooner captain had sent four men—of whom Andersen was one, on board the sloop. There they discovered a dead sailor and several coffers. Having thrown the dead seaman overboard they opened the coffers, and found—shade of Captain Kidd!—120,000 gulden. The four men divided the money, gave the schooner the slip, and sailed for Holland, arriving at Flushing. Here a "smuggler's agent" exchanged Andersen's Dutch money for German paper notes, with which he made haste to travel to Germany in order to spend his wealth like a true son of the sea in such fortunate circumstances. Whatever truth there may be in Andersen's story, there is the fact that, when searched, no less than m.26,150 was found on him. The money was all in paper, consisting of twenty-five notes of m.1,000, nine of 100 and five of 50. No other documents were discovered. Though speaking broken German, the police say that he employs a number of slang terms usual among German sailors. His body is covered with tattoos.

**BUSINESS BOOM IN NEW YORK.**  
CLERKS IN OFFICES WORKING UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

An almost unprecedented prosperity marks business in New York. Clerks and stores are working until midnight, many brokerage offices are open the entire twenty-four hours, and restaurants in the business districts have notified business houses near them that they will serve meals until ten o'clock each night, whereas hitherto they have only served luncheons, and closed up after four o'clock in the afternoon.

Cots have been put up in many offices as sleeping places for clerks kept at work all night, the regular hours for office attendance have been until one o'clock in the morning, and telephone companies have been seriously hampered by their girls fainting at the switchboards because of the volume and continuance of the work they were forced to do. So active have the so-called war stocks been that messenger boys have formed clubs, each boy contributing a small amount, while one of the number purchases stocks every day, selling them in the afternoon and dividing a satisfactory profit among the club members in the evening.

As an indication of the activity in the money-making market, notice may be taken of one stock that has risen from 50 to 450 in three months. And the rise was entirely due to war orders.

I called recently upon a stockbroker, a my acquaintance, and he said, "I wish I could advertise in some way to stop business; if it were possible I should do so."

**EUROPE AFTER THE WAR.**

Those taking a gloomy view of everything apprehend a panic, arguing that as almost every stock is abnormally high there must be a heavy fall, which will drag many to poverty. On the other hand, there are those who anticipate continued prosperity, as may be seen by the following speech, made recently by W. S. Kies, vice-president of the National City Bank. Mr. Kies spoke at a meeting of the Advertising Men's Club, and said:—

"A glance at the export field indicates that a successful cultivation of it will necessitate careful scientific preliminary study, close application, and energetic consistent effort. The maintenance of markets and the development of new markets depend upon one fundamental fact—Is the manufacturer able to compete on equal terms. The living standards of the American labourer are the highest in the world and his wages have been such as to permit him to maintain these standards. No one desires to see them lowered, but on the other hand, they cannot be indefinitely raised to the point where production costs will be increased so as to make competition with the manufacturers of other nations impossible."

"The nations of Europe, when this nightmare shall have been dissipated, will be compelled to pay an enormous bill. Every man, woman, and child will be compelled to produce. The most rigid economy will prevail, and standards of living will be reduced to a minimum. Not only our foreign markets, but our domestic markets as well, will be in danger. Realising the competition in store for us, ought we not to begin immediately to prepare for this commercial warfare?"

**HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.**

CORPS ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. A. CHAPMAN, V.O.

FIELD OPERATIONS.  
1.—The following will be exercised in field operations on the date named:  
December 12th—Artillery Battery Right and Left Sections M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company.

PARADES.  
2.—Parades for to-day.  
5.15 p.m. The following recruits:—  
Messrs. J. D. Wright, R. A. Brand, W. Ross, H. G. Griffith and J. Martin (Scouts Co.) and G. T. May (Civil Service Co.)—Musketry Instruction on Kennedy Road Range. Corp'l. Grimes, R.E., will attend. Service rifles to be carried.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of Right Section M. G. Co.—Squad Drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units (except Right Section M. G. Co. and Signalling Section)—Squad Drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters under Sergt.-Major Highy and Sergt. Borby.

Remainder, DETAIL.

4.—Gun Club Hill, Kowloon:—  
On duty until morning of 13th inst.—H.K.V.R.  
P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.  
On duty until morning of 13th inst.—H.K.V.R.

G. E. STEWART, Capt.,  
Adjutant, H.K.V.O.

**HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.**

COMMEMORATION.

General Order No. 21 reads:—"Crown-Sergeant Mong Kwong Tin is highly commended by the Marine Magistrate for his intelligent action in a steam launch overcrowding case."

MUSKETRY.  
Platoon Commanders having men requiring instruction in the use of the Service Rifle prior to firing on Saturday, December 11th, will warn same to report to the Musketry Inspector on Thursday, December 9th, at 5.30 p.m. at "Central."

CENTRAL POLICE STATION CANTEN.  
On and from this date, Platoon Commanders will receive from this office, on or before the 5th of every month, particulars of accounts owing by their men for the preceding month. Accounts owing by the Staff, Company Inspector, etc., will be similarly managed by the Sergt.-Major.

Members must not sign their Collar or Armlet numbers. Accounts are reported by members who have signed the following numbers:—7, 29, 67, 78, 100, 104, 119, 120, 121, 129, 132, 141, 151, 150, and 170. These accounts must be settled on or before December 16th.

F. C. JENSEN,  
D.S.P. (Reserve).

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NOS. 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12 and 13, AUSTIN AVENUE, Kowloon. Keys with watchman. Also a Few Small Quarters in A & B Blocks, Queen's Road, at reasonable rents. Full particulars on application to—  
O.C. A.S.C.  
Victoria Barracks.  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1915. [1250]

TO LET.

OFFICES in Queen's Building.  
Apply—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1915. [1261]

TO LET.

SUITE OF WELL FURNISHED ROOMS, in Robinson Road Level, with or without board in English Private House.  
Apply—  
Care of "Daily Press" Office.  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1915. [1232]

TO LET.

NOS. 11 and 13, GAGE STREET, from 1st January, 1916.  
Apply to—  
J. VINCENT BRAGA,  
Toyo Kisen Kaisha.  
Hongkong, 18th November, 1915. [1190]

TO LET.

NOS. 9 and 10, MOUNTAIN VIEW, Peak.  
Apply to—  
M. J. D. STEPHENS  
Hongkong, 12th November, 1915. [1170]

TO LET.

BRITISH CONCESSION, SHAMEEN, CANTON.  
FROM 1st December, ONE EIGHT-ROOMED HOUSE.  
Apply—  
T. E. GRIFFITH, Ltd.  
Hongkong, 11th November, 1915. [1167]

TO LET.

"THE KENNELS," 163, Magazine Gap. Thoroughly renovated and repaired.  
Apply—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 10th November, 1915. [1162]

TO LET.

RAVENSHILL EAST, Park Road, containing 6 Rooms, 3 Bath Rooms, Servants Quarters, &c. Vacant 1st November.  
Apply—  
DEACON, LOCKEE, DEACON & HARBTON.  
Hongkong, 16th October, 1915. [1094]

TO LET.

"GLENSHIEL," No. 141, Plantation Road, Peak, from 1st November, 1915.  
Apply—  
LINSTED & DAVIS.  
Hongkong, 18th October, 1915. [1059]

TO LET.

NORMAN COTTAGE, No. 2, Peak Road, 4 GOOD ROOMS. Immediate possession.  
Apply—  
PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING.  
Hongkong, 20th August, 1915. [875]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.  
Apply—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 24th October, 1915. [45]

TO LET.

OFFICES in St. George's Buildings, Second Floor, Overlooking Harbour, Immediate possession.  
Apply to—  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1914. [39]

TO LET.

THREE-ROOMED FLATS in Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon.  
FOUR-ROOMED FLATS in May Road, with every modern convenience, including English Baths and Kitchen Ranges, Hot Water and Water Carriage System. A few Flats specially designed to accommodate three bachelors at reasonable rentals. Immediate possession.  
Apply to—  
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCOR Co., Ltd.  
Alexandra Buildings.  
Hongkong, 26th November, 1915. [1177]

TO LET.

OFFICES in King's Buildings.  
OFFICES in Des Vaux Road Central HOUSES in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.  
NEW HOUSES in Broadwood Terrace.  
HOUSE at the Peak.  
No. 21, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD, No. 1, MORETON TERRACE, Causeway Bay.  
GODOWNS, at Wanchai.  
GODOWNS, at New Praya Kennedy Town Nos. 1, 2 and 3, WEST END TERRACE, CANTON.  
Apply—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 4th November, 1915. 38



His worship—Was it a slipknot?  
Witness—No, sir; it was a standing knot and it was impossible to get the finger between the rope and the neck, and, on the side of the knot, the rope was caught.  
Witness further said that there was also blood on the rope. He turned over the body and found a wound behind the right eyebrow. After stripping the body, he found bruises on the back. Witness knew the deceased and identified the body as that of the head watchman at the Cement Works. Together with P.-C. Goble, he visited 30, Kowloon City Road. The first floor had been newly washed. Some clothes had also been newly washed and were hanging up to dry.  
The case was adjourned until to-day.

fourth box was brought up. No key could be found to fit it, and it had to be forced open at the Water Police Station. The first three boxes bore the name of the second defendant, the fourth bore no name, but only parts of labels. The top label bore the name of the third defendant. On the following morning witnesses again went on board the steamer, and seized four more trunks in the baggage room. One bore the name of the second defendant, and the other three the name of the third defendant. All contained various items. The key which unlocked the male defendant's cabin trunk also opened one of these boxes. The rest of the boxes were opened by keys belonging to the first and second defendants.

The case was adjourned.

**AUDITOR.**  
Mr. G. R. Wingrove has audited the Company's Accounts, and his re-election as Auditor requires the confirmation of the Shareholders.  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.**  
General Managers.

According to a Cairo message published in Paris the Sultan of Egypt has offered to raise half a million men to repulse any attack Turkey may make upon Egypt.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1915. [1176]

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

ORDERS for PRINTING and JAPANESE PRODUCTS are solicited by the undersigned up to the 15th instant. All orders will receive careful and prompt attention.

B. KORYASHI,  
Care of THE NIPPON HOTEL,  
Cantonment Road,  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1915. [1267]

## THE AYER TAWAH RUBBER PLANTATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOK and SHARE REGISTER of the above-named Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 16th December to MONDAY, the 20th December, 1915, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GEDDES & Co., Ltd.,  
Secretaries,  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1915. [1266]

THE "DEVAWONGSE" STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.  
IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance of 1911 and 1913, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the "DEVAWONGSE" STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Office, 1st floor, No. 20, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 17th day of December, 1915, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose provided in the said Section.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1915.  
NG KAI CHI,  
Liquidator.  
[1264]

THE "PHRANANG" STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance of 1911 and 1913, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the "PHRANANG" STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Office, 1st floor, No. 20, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 17th day of December, 1915, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose provided in the said Section.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1915.  
NG KAI CHI,  
Liquidator.  
[1265]

## WILLIAM POWELL, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, "Pineapple" Buildings, Hongkong, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 9th December, 1915, at 3 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st August, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd of December to the 9th of December, both days inclusive.

## WANTED.

DAILY or Resident NURSE for two Children at the Peak. Apply by letter enclosing copies of testimonials to—

Care of "Daily Press" Office,  
Hongkong, 10th November, 1915. [1104]

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,  
HONGKONG.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every Domestic Building a part of each Building within the CENTRAL Division of the City of Victoria, and the WESTERN Division of Kowloon, occupied by Members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or in Kowloon South of Austin Road or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIMED/WASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this Notice means that the House should be limed/washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Ceilings, Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Undersides of Doors in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its containing Walls limed/washed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be limed/washed, but must be Cleaned.

The CENTRAL Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street on the East and Tank Lane and Cleverly Street on the West.

Kowloon is divided into the EASTERN and WESTERN Divisions by Nathan Road and a straight line drawn from the North and through the Yau Ma Tei service reservoir to the Northern boundary of Kowloon.

W. BOWEN-BOWLANDS,  
Secretary.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1915. [1247]

## INTIMATIONS

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, 1st Floor, Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subject of Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Society held on the 4th day of December, 1915, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

(1.)—"That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$4,000,000 (Four Million Dollars) by the creation of 3,000 (Three Thousand Six Hundred) Additional Ordinary Shares of \$250 (Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars) each (whereof \$100 (One Hundred Dollars) shall be credited as paid up) ranking for Dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the Existing Ordinary Shares of the Society; and that the Company shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies due to it from all or any of the holders thereof."

(2.)—"That Article No. 9 of the Company's Articles of Association which now reads:—

"The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the Shares of any Shareholder for all monies due to the Society either from him alone or jointly with any other person and where a Share is held by more persons than one the Society shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies due to it from all or any of the holders thereof."

"be eliminated in its entirety and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

(9.)—"The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the Shares Registered in the name of each Shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts, liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Society, whether the period for the payment, fulfilment, or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any Share shall be created except upon the footing and condition that Clause 34a hereof is to have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all Dividends from time to time declared in respect of such Shares."

(3.)—"That after Article No. 34 of the Society's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 34a:—

(34a.)—"Save as herein otherwise provided the Society shall be entitled to treat the Registered Holder of any Share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not, except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such Share on the part of any other person, Firm, Company or Corporation."

(4.)—"That the heading of Articles Nos. 95 to 100 (inclusive) of the Society's Articles of Association reading 'the Secretary' be altered so as to read 'the General Manager' and that in the last-mentioned Articles the word 'Secretary' wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words 'General Manager' be inserted."

(5.)—"That in the following Articles of the Society's Articles of Association, viz.:—Articles Nos. 2, 7, 24, 25, 44, 45, 54, 55, 84, 94, 103, and 129 the word 'Secretary' wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words 'General Manager' be inserted."

Dated this 4th day of December, 1915.  
By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
Secretary.  
[1254]

## NOTICE

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 597, dated 16th January, 1884, of the Share No. 18105 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. THOMAS BROWN, of Shanghai, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the above Certificate be not forthcoming another Certificate will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

Dated 11th November, 1915.  
C. PEMBERTON,  
Secretary.  
[1174]

## ON SALE

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, JANUARY to JUNE, 1915. With Index. Price \$7.50. On Sale at the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" Office.  
Hongkong 10th August, 1915.

## INTIMATIONS

## CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, 1st Floor, Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subject of Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 4th day of December, 1915, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

(1.)—"That Article No. 9 of the Company's Articles of Association which now reads:—

"The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the Shares of any Shareholder for all monies due to the Company either from him alone or jointly with any other person, and where a Share is held by more persons than one the Company shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies due to it from all or any of the holders thereof."

"be eliminated in its entirety, and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

(9.)—"The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the Shares Registered in the name of each Shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts, liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Company, whether the period for the payment, fulfilment, or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any Share shall be created except upon the footing and condition that Clause 34a hereof is to have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all Dividends from time to time declared in respect of such Shares."

(2.)—"That after Article No. 33 of the Company's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 33a:—

(33a.)—"Save as herein otherwise provided the Company shall be entitled to treat the Registered Holder of any Share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not, except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such Share on the part of any other person, Firm, Company or Corporation."

(3.)—"That the heading of Articles Nos. 94 to 99 (inclusive) of the Company's Articles of Association reading 'the Secretary' be altered so as to read 'the General Manager' and that in the last-mentioned Articles the word 'Secretary' wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words 'General Manager' be inserted."

(4.)—"That in the following Articles of the Company's Articles of Association, viz.:—Articles Nos. 2, 7, 24, 25, 44, 45, 54, 55, 84, 94, 103, and 129 the word 'Secretary' wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words 'General Manager' be inserted."

Dated this 4th day of December, 1915.  
By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
Secretary.  
[1255]



## NOTICE

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.  
Hongkong, 10th July, 1915. [1788]

## FOR SALE

ONE 104 B.H.P. HORNSBY ACKROYD OIL ENGINE complete with and coupled direct to one D.L.W. Continuous Current Shunt Wound Dynamo of 50/70 volts with rheostat regulator.  
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## INTIMATION

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THE  
PEG O' MY HEART.

A. S. WATSON  
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HONGKONG.

## DEATH.

BOWLEY.—At Reading on the 8th December, MARIA BOWLEY, the beloved mother of Mr. F. B. L. BOWLEY, of Hongkong. [1263]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOUEX ROAD, C.  
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 9th, 1915.

## AUSTRO-GERMAN MACHINATIONS IN AMERICA.

A FEATURE of President Wilson's address to Congress, we are told, was a scathing denunciation of the plots and conspiracies which have been discovered in the United States of America. "Grave as the nation's differences have been with other nations," he said, "the gravest threats against its peace and safety have been uttered within its own borders. I blush to admit that there are United States citizens, born under other flags but fully naturalised, who have sought to bring the authority and good name of the Government into contempt and to destroy industries for vindictive purposes. The ugly and incredible thing that has come about demands Federal laws to crush out such disloyalty and anarchy." Although these words contain no specific allusion to the Austro-German element, which forms nearly twenty per cent. of the population of America, the circumstances under which they were uttered leave no room for doubt as to their application. For months past the United States have been a hotbed of Austro-German intrigue against the Entente Powers. No respect has been shown for American neutrality and no regard has been paid to the sacredness of American life and property. Ships have been fitted out with supplies at American ports for German commerce-raiders, false passports have been issued to Austro-German agents travelling to Europe, attempts have been made to buy up arms and ammunition plants and, when these have failed, strikes have been fomented amongst the workers and explosions have been caused in the factories. The complicity of the Austrian and German Governments in these outrages has been clearly established by important papers which the German Privy Councillor, Dr. ALBERT

on the Elevated Railway on July 31st and which promptly appeared in the New York World. The nature of these documents was revealed by a White Paper, in which the British Government gave reports and translations of the despatches bearing upon the matter that were found in the possession of Mr. F. J. ARCHIBALD, the "strictly impartial" American journalist, who was arrested at Falmouth on August 30th. "So instructive and entertaining a record of intrigue and menacity," said The Times, "has rarely been given to the public with official sanction." In one of the letters which Mr. ARCHIBALD was carrying, Dr. DUMBA, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, forwarded an *aide memoire* from the editor of a local Hungarian paper recommending a means of bringing about a strike at the Bethlehem Steel and Munitions Factory and also in the Middle West. Dr. DUMBA added: "I take this rare and safe opportunity of warmly recommending the proposals to your Excellency's favourable consideration. It is my impression that we can disorganize and hold up for months, if not entirely prevent, the manufacture of munitions in Bethlehem and the Middle West, which, in the opinion of the German Military Attaché, is of great importance and amply outweighs the comparatively small expenditure of money involved." The allusion to Captain VON PAPPEN, the German Military Attaché, was peculiarly unfortunate in view of the following declaration which the German Ambassador, Count BERNSTORFF, had made to Mr. LANGING, the American Secretary of State, only a week or so previously:—"In reply to the false suggestion, based on certain letters, that I, or some one else who has relations with the German Government, have taken part in instigating or forwarding strikes in munition factories, I can only say that such assertions or insinuations are groundless." As a consequence of these disclosures Dr. DUMBA's recall was demanded by the United States Government, and, on his return to his native land, he was promptly rewarded for his treachery with a knighthood. Count BERNSTORFF remains at the German Embassy for the present, and affects to be surprised that his two satellites, Capt. VON PAPPEN and Capt. BOYER, should have been given their *congé*. The United States decline to discuss their reasons for taking this step, but, even so, we do not suppose that His Excellency stands in much need of enlightenment. Assuming it to be true that VON PAPPEN's holiday trip to Mexico, after his indiscreet written references to "these idiotic Yankees," was not undertaken with the object of adding fresh fuel to the dying embers of revolution in Mexico, the revelations in connection with the recent German bomb plot in New York, added to those already referred to, are surely sufficient to make the United States Government feel that the room of such gentlemen is preferable to their company. Amongst the Austro-German agents who are now on their trial for causing explosions in twenty-two munition factories in America, by which 78 persons were killed and injured, and for the blowing up of 18 ships by infernal machines, is ROBERT FAX, a lieutenant in the 18th Cologne Infantry, who participated in the battle of the Marne and received the Iron Cross for bravery in Champagne. He has confessed that it was with explicit instructions from the Intelligence Office in the Wilhelmstrasse that he came to the United States for the purpose of wrecking munition factories, dynamiting railroad bridges and destroying railroad tracks, as well as docks in New York and other cities along the Atlantic coast. He was directed to employ any and all means in order to stop shipments of munitions to the Allies. The German Secret Service obtained his passage to America as "a merchant," and instructed him to place his orders before Captain BOYER and Captain VON PAPPEN. VON PAPPEN, he says, told him "it might do to sink a few ships, but it might lead to political entanglements." In FAX's rooms papers were found establishing his connection with the German Government, together with a quantity of dynamite and trinitrotoluol, one of the most powerful of known explosives, while in a local storage warehouse there were five cases, which FAX had left, each containing an ingenious wire designed to be attached to a steamship's rudder. The rush of water from the propeller would start a clockwork device causing an explosion at a certain time. Other bombs for placing inside vessels were also discovered, including 200 bomb cylinders and 400 percussion caps. The report of the trial, which is now pending, will, we imagine, be read with peculiar interest by other neutral nations who have Germans in their midst.

A mail for Europe *via* Siberia closes to-day at 3 p.m.

Mr. H. N. Pountney is leaving Hongkong in a few days for his home in New Zealand, where he intends to volunteer for the front.

We are officially informed that no nominations have yet been received for the Chairmanship of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

St. Francis School Prize Distribution will take place at the headquarters of the Catholic Women's League (St. Patrick's Hall), Garden Road, to-day, at 5 p.m. Mr. E. Ralph, Inspector of English Schools, will preside.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Griffin are among the passengers on the *Yasaka Maru*, leaving Marseilles on the 11th inst. Mr. Griffin volunteered for the front and was offered a commission by the War Office, but failed to pass the necessary medical test.

Though the official figures of the banks throughout China cannot yet be ascertained—says the *Shanghai Mercury*—it is understood that from Shanghai and the outports at least two and a half millions roubles (Rs. 2,500,000) have been invested in the Russian War Loan.

The following two gentlemen have been proposed and seconded for nomination as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce on the Legislative Council:—Mr. Percy Hobson Holyoak and Mr. John Whyte Cooper Bonnar. The election will take place to-morrow (Friday) afternoon.

The interment took place at Happy Valley last evening, amid many tokens of respect and esteem, of Mrs. Jane Howard, wife of Mr. R. Howard, of the Alexandra Cafe. The deceased passed away at the Matilda Hospital on Tuesday, after a lingering and painful illness. She had a large circle of friends in the Colony by whom she was held in high esteem. There were many floral tributes.

At the Magistracy yesterday 81 Chinese were charged with behaving in a disorderly manner on board the steam launch *Sui Fung* when lying alongside the Ping On Wharf. A detective told the Court that the men crowded on to the boat, and refused to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. On a previous occasion, when a similar thing happened, the vessel went down. Many of the men, who came from the South, were wearing queues. A number of the men were allowed out on bail and failed to appear. Their bail was forfeited. The other men, who had been in the cells, were discharged with a caution.

## TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The following telegrams have been received by the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory:—

6 p.m., December 7th.

Cyclone or typhoon south of Manila, over or near Southern Luzon, moving W. or W.N.W.

10 a.m., December, 8th.

Cyclone or typhoon west of Manila, more than 100 miles distant, moving W.N.W.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE VACANCY ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—In a recent issue of your paper my name was mentioned as a probable candidate for the representation of the Chamber of Commerce on the Legislative Council. This was, presumably, due to some misunderstanding, and I shall be obliged by your contradicting the statement, which is unauthorised.—Yours truly,

WM. DICKSON.

[The statement referred to appeared in our issue of December 2nd and was as follows:—"Four names are mentioned in connection with the vacancy, namely those of Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. W. Dickson." So far as it goes, this is a literal statement of fact.—Ed. B. A. H.]

After denouncing the Anglo-French War Loan, and threatening to withdraw support from all banking firms taking an active interest in it, Mr. Henry Ford, of motor-car fame, has now subscribed \$2,000 to the Canadian Red Cross, and has announced that he will subscribe the first million dollars to any Canadian War Loan (which has not yet been floated). Mr. Ford has not yet been heard of by the Allies. A notable and speedy conversion, which is causing much amusement in the Dominion.



# THE WAR.

## AMERICA AND GERMAN PLOTS.

### DIPLOMATIC RUPTURE POSSIBLE.

## KING CONSTANTINE'S CANDOUR.

### LIVELINESS IN ADRIATIC SEA.

## GERMAN INTRIGUE IN CHINA.

### ALLEGED MISCONDUCT ON SHAMEEN.

### NAVAL ACTIVITIES

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS ACTIVE.

#### FRENCH SUBMARINE & SEVERAL VESSELS SUNK.

PARIS, December 7th.

The Ministry of Marine announces that according to a German wireless message an Austrian warship destroyed the French submarine *Fresnel* on Sunday, and made the crew of 23 prisoners.

An Austrian *communiqué* shows that the *Fresnel* was destroyed in the vicinity of San Giovanni. It asserts that an Austrian cruiser and destroyers on the same day sank five steamers and five large and several small sailing vessels discharging war material at San Giovanni. Twenty guns ashore heavily bombarded the flotilla.

Another flotilla on the 23rd November sank an Italian armed steamer and a sailor from Brindisi to Durazzo, fully laden.

#### GERMAN SUBMARINE SEIZES BRITISH OFFICERS.

ATHENS, December 7th.

It is confirmed that a German submarine removed from a Greek steamer Colonel Napier, Attaché at Sofia, and Captain Wilson, M.P.

ATHENS, December 7th.

Greek newspapers state that the German submarine stopped the Greek steamer near Messina and removed Colonel Napier, the British Military Attaché at Sofia.

The Press Bureau states that it is Captain Stanley Wilson, M.P., who is captured. He was conveying letters from the Eastern Mediterranean to London. None of the papers taken from him were important. It was an Austrian submarine.

#### STANDARD OIL VESSEL SHELLED.

WASHINGTON, December 8th.

The State Department has been advised that the Standard Oil vessel *Petrolite* was shelled by a submarine, which was apparently Austrian, between Crete and Tripoli. A sailor was injured.

#### AMERICAN OIL-TANK STEAMER TORPEDOED.

New York, December 7th.

A message from Rome says that the American oil-tank steamer *Communiac* was submarined off Tripoli. The fate of the crew and the nationality of the submarine are unknown.

#### FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### NEW GERMAN TROOPS.

#### POURING INTO BELGIUM.

LONDON, December 7th.

There has been speculation in Holland concerning the veil of secrecy recently shrouding Germany. No newspapers or correspondence have been received for several days.

Now it is reported that troops and guns have been pouring into Belgium, mostly at night. It is believed that the troops are new formations replacing the large forces recently withdrawn from the French front.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### STATEMENT TO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

New York, December 7th.

King Constantine, in an interview with the Associated Press, has personally given his word that Greek troops will not attack the Allies. He emphasised that if the *Entente* assure him that if driven back into Greece they will re-embark, and will consider the Balkan campaign at an end, he will guarantee them the protection of the whole Greek Army against a Teutonic attack whilst embarking. He would not do more than that. He would not withdraw his troops from Salonika and the frontiers, and he would not permit Greece to be forced or cajoled out of her neutrality.

#### GREEK MILITARY MISSION.

ATHENS, December 7th.

Colonel Pallis, of the Greek General Staff, has been sent to Salonika specially to confer with the *Entente* military officials and to report in detail to the Government their *desiderata*.

#### GERMANS REORGANISED.

#### TO ATTACK ALLIES.

ROTTERDAM, December 7th.

Information from Berlin indicates that General Gallwitz's Army, which has not been mentioned for some weeks, has been reorganised and reinforced with a view to attacking the Allies in Macedonia.

#### ENEMY PICTURE OF SERBIAN ARMY.

PARIS, December 7th.

The Serbian Minister at Athens declared that the enemy picture of the Serbian Army as "a miserable band of refugees" is untrue. With the recruits of the 1914-15 classes the Army would shortly number a quarter of a million, and would give the enemy surprises.

#### TREACHEROUS ALBANIANS.

#### CO-OPERATING WITH BULGARIANS.

LONDON, December 8th.

A Bulgarian *communiqué* claims that Djakovica has been occupied. It says that the Albanians are co-operating with the Bulgarians in attacking the remnants of the Serbian Army wandering over the Albanian mountains.

#### GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### ALLIED WAR COUNCIL.

#### JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDS.

PARIS, December 8th.

Field-Marshal Sir John French (the British Commander-in-Chief) and General Sir Archibald Murray (Chief of the General Staff) were present at the second Allied War Council at the French Headquarters yesterday. The meeting was presided over by General Joffre and was attended by Japanese and other Allied representatives.

#### AFFAIRS IN PERSIA.

#### STATEMENT BY LORD CREWE.

DRASTIC ACTION NECESSARY.

LONDON, December 8th.

In the House of Lords, Lord Bryce called attention to the position in the Persian Gulf and emphasised that the situation in Persia demanded the most drastic action on the part of Great Britain and Russia. He hoped that it would be found possible to deal gently with the frail fabric of the Persian Monarchy.

Lord Crewe said he desired to correct a misapprehension that General Townshend had only a Division, because he had additional troops of infantry and cavalry which were considered by competent authorities to be sufficient for the task. This was no rash adventure of dubious strength, he continued, and neither could a charge be brought against the splendidly equipped troops which were being sent to Persia.

Lord Crewe dwelt on Turkish-German bribery and corruption in Afghanistan and Arabia, and the efforts to force Persia against the Allies. He also emphasised that the Swedish Government was in no way involved in the question of the Persian gendarmes. The presence of Russian and British troops in Persia was designed to support their independence. The Allies were prepared to continue their financial assistance, and also to help Persia to create a defence force instead of a gendarmie. He hoped that the young Persian sovereign would rule later over a well-governed country.

Lord Crewe added, regarding Mesopotamia, that the retirement from Ctesiphon to a strong position down the river was a wise course to adopt, and ought generally to be approved.

Lord Sydenham, referring to the campaign in Mesopotamia, said the one bright spot in a very dark picture was the manner in which General Townshend's forces fought at Ctesiphon. Their gallant stand against greatly superior forces, and the capture of 1,600 prisoners, was a very fine feat of arms. The force consisted largely of Indian troops who had been more than a year from home, and had endured the supreme test of fighting after a long summer. No praise was too great for such men. He thought that General Townshend, by a wise retirement when he found overwhelming forces against him, saved the force from a great disaster.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### RESTORATION OF ORDER IN PERSIA.

#### PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN TROOPS NEAR CAPITAL.

LONDON, December 7th.

In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. Dillon, Sir Edward Grey said he was confident that the Persian Cabinet were sincerely anxious to restore order. They had already endeavoured to take effective measures for that purpose. The presence of Russian troops between Kazvin and Teheran was necessitated by a danger similar to that in other places which threatened Russian and British interests. The Russian troops had not entered the capital, and the Persian Government were advised that if they were instructed to do so it would only be to protect life and property. Sir E. Grey had not thought to have had confirmation of the statement that the Shah had broken his pledges to Great Britain and Russia and allowed military supplies to be transferred to Hamadan by Persian agents.

#### GERMAN SCHEMES IN AMERICA.

#### MORE ENQUIRIES.

NEW YORK, December 7th.

The Government has subpoenaed several witnesses to appear before the Federal Grand Jury at New York to testify to the activities of the so-called Labour National Peace Council, which is stated to have carried on a campaign advocating a munitions embargo and other proposals evidently inspired by Germany.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON'S DENUNCIATION.

WASHINGTON, December 7th.

The feature of the President's message to Congress is his scathing denunciation of plots and conspiracies. President Wilson does not accuse the Germans explicitly, though he obviously refers to the Teutonic outrages. He declares that, grave as the country's differences have been with other nations, "I am sorry to say that the gravest threats against peace and safety have been uttered within our own borders. I blush to admit that there are United States citizens, born under other flags but fully naturalised, who have sought to bring the authority and good name of the Government into contempt and to destroy industries for vindictive purposes. We had not made preparation for such a contingency. We would be ashamed to do so. But the ugly, incredible thing has come about." He demanded Federal laws to crush out such disloyalty and anarchy, and emphasised that it was America's duty to remain neutral so that some part of the great family of nations should keep the processes of peace alive, if only to prevent economic ruin and breakdown throughout the world. President Wilson concluded by upholding the Monroe Doctrine, citing as an example Mexico, as a test case. He held great stress on the necessity of an adequate American mercantile marine by the purchase and construction by the Government of vessels to develop Overseas trade, and trade between the American Continents.

#### WHOLESALE CONSPIRACY.

NEW YORK, December 7th.

Five additional indictments have been returned against the man Fey and five other Germans charging them with conspiracy to commit murder and assault. They were previously charged with conspiracy to destroy ships. A Hungarian and an Austrian have now been arrested, explosives having been found in their rooms.

It is understood that the authorities are considering the investigation of the conduct of the North German Lloyd Company, following the Hamburg-America revelations.

The State Department has received another enquiry on the subject of the reasons for requesting the withdrawal of Capt. Boyed and Capt. von Papen through the United States Ambassador in Berlin. It is learned officially that the United States will decline to discuss the question and, in fact, will refuse to disclose the sources of its information.

#### GERMAN DENIAL.

WASHINGTON, December 7th.

Count Bernstorff has issued a denial of the report that German official agents were concerned in an attempt to provoke a revolution in Mexico.

#### DIPLOMATIC RUPTURE AGAIN POSSIBLE.

WASHINGTON, December 8th.

Interest in the controversy with Germany is intense, because a diplomatic rupture is considered possible in well-informed circles.

#### INCENDIARISM?

HALIFAX, December 7th.

A fire was discovered on Saturday aboard the steamer *Carlton*, bound from New York for Queenstown with a cargo of sugar. The Captain proceeded to Halifax and reported the matter to the Admiralty.

#### "FORD'S ARK" ABSURDITY.

#### INTEND TO ENTER GERMANY WITH THE DOVE.

LONDON, December 8th.

The Ford's Ark expedition have sent a wireless message to the effect that they are determined to enter Germany, and they are confident that the Germans will bow to the Dove of Peace.

#### SCRUTINISING WAR EXPENDITURE.

LONDON, December 7th.

The Board of Control to scrutinise war expenditure has asked the War Office and the Admiralty to co-operate.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### "PEACE TALK."

#### MR. BRYAN'S EFFORTS.

LONDON, December 8th.

A telegram from New York states that Mr. Bryan, in a manifesto, urges President Wilson to mediate immediately. Simultaneously with this, a new version of Germany's peace terms was published in New York, namely, that Germany shall have full power in the Balkans, ensuring a road to Constantinople and Asia Minor, a "place in the sun" independent of British sea power, the control of Constantinople and the power to civilize Turkey, the establishment of buffer States between Germany and Russia, including a new Kingdom of Poland, the strengthening of Rumania by the addition of Bessarabia, the restoration of the old boundaries in the West, with complete freedom in Belgium, and a slight Alsatian concession to France.

#### HUNGARIAN MINISTER AND PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, December 8th.

Speaking in the Hungarian Chamber, Count Andrássy declared that in view of the declarations of the French Premier and the speeches in the House of Commons there was little probability of peace. The enemy does not acknowledge the present result of the war and is doing all possible to obtain a change in the fortunes of war. "I am convinced," concluded the Count, "that we will be able to continue the war till they are obliged to ask for peace."

#### BRITAIN'S GOLD SUPPLY.

#### LARGER THAN EVER.

LONDON, December 7th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna stated that the amount of gold in British Banks was £28,000,000 on June 30th, 1914, and £110,000,000 on June 30th, 1915. (Cheers.) He added that it was estimated that the amount of gold held by the public was £78,000,000 on June 30th, 1914, and £73,000,000 on the same date in 1915.

#### BRAVERY IN THE FIELD.

#### AWARD OF V.Cs.

LONDON, December 7th.

The granting of two Victoria Crosses has been gazetted.

Private Thomas Kenna, of the 13th Durham, was, at La Mouselle on November 11th, patrolling in the fog when his Lieutenant was shot in the thigh. He crawled for an hour with the officer on his back, trying to find his own trench, under heavy enemy fire, and finally refused to leave the officer. Eventually he reached a ditch which he recognised, obtained assistance and saved the Lieutenant, despite German machine-gun and rifle fire and bombs.

Complimentary J. L. Dawson, of the Engineers, was on October 15th in the Hohenzollern Redoubt during a British gas attack, when he fully exposed himself to very heavy enemy fire in order to clear out the infantry from the gas-laden trenches. He holed three leaking cylinders into the open, and fired bullets into them, letting the gas escape, and thus saved many from being gassed.

#### BYE-ELECTIONS IN WARTIME.

#### "BUSINESS GOVERNMENT" CANDIDATE.

LONDON, December 8th.

Colonel Hall Walker, in consequence of his gift to the nation, will be compelled to seek re-election for Widnes.

Sir Herbert Samuel is seeking re-election on his appointment as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He will be opposed by Mr. Reginald Knight, "the business Government candidate," who condemns the drink restrictions.

#### BYE-ELECTION AN OUTRAGE.

Sir Herbert Samuel, in a speech to the electors last evening after the nominations, said the contest in ordinary times would be a nuisance, and in a time of war it was an outrage. Certain gentlemen had plunged the constituency into the turmoil of an election because they thought that five and a half hours daily was insufficient to drink beer. It was the most sordid incident in the war up to the present time.

#### MILITARY HOSPITAL.

#### GIFT OF MALAY STATES.

LONDON, December 7th.

A military hospital of eighty beds has been established at Blackmere End, Herts, under Captain Freer, formerly Senior Medical Officer at Selangor, the funds being provided by the public of the Federated Malay States.

#### NEW ZEALAND'S GIFT OF MEN.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Dec. 7th.

The National Register shows that 109,893 have volunteered to fight. The Premier considers the result highly satisfactory.

#### A DARKENED LONDON.

#### ACCIDENT TO SIR SAMUEL EVANS.

LONDON, December 8th.

The Right Hon. Sir Samuel T. Evans, President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Courts, was leaving the Courts when he was knocked down by a motor-bus and his leg was broken.

Sir Samuel Evans has recently been very busy in Prize Court work. The accident, like many others, was due to the darkened streets.

#### RUSSIAN APPOINTMENT.

PETROGRAD, December 7th.

M. Khvestoff has been appointed Minister of the Interior, in succession to M. Maklakoff.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

#### GERMANS ON SHAMEEN.

#### PREVENTION OF CONSPIRACIES IN CHINA.

LONDON, December 7th.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions regarding the behaviour of Germans on the Shameen, Canton, and the suggestions that all Germans should be interned or expelled, that German concessions in China should be occupied, and the German Consuls and officials arrested in order to prevent conspiracies similar to those in Persia, Sir Edward Grey said he had no official information regarding the alleged misconduct of Germans on the Shameen. The intrigues of Germans in China, however, were being anxiously considered by the Government.

#### SHANGHAI DISTURBANCES.

#### JAPAN'S PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

TOKYO, December 8th.

It is understood that in view of the disturbances in Shanghai Japan is taking measures to protect Japanese residents and interests. Several Japanese warships are already on the scene.

#### RECRUITING IN AFRICA.

#### SUCCESSFUL BEYOND EXPECTATIONS.

CAPTOWN, December 7th.

General Smuts, in the course of a splendid statement in the Assembly, said the past fortnight's recruiting had been successful beyond his best expectations, enabling the Union to despatch the necessary forces to East Africa and also reinforcements. He hoped that in a very short time the East African campaign would result similarly to that in South West Africa. (Cheers.)

The House endorsed the Government's policy without a division.

#### FORCED LOAN RUMOUR DENIED.

LONDON, December 7th.

Reports of a projected forced loan are authoritatively described as inaccurate.

#### BRITISH TRADE FIGURES.

LONDON, December 7th.

The increases in imports in November amounted to £16,129,650 and in exports £11,037,547.

#### MINISTERS OPPOSE REDUCTION IN SALARIES.

LONDON, December 7th.

It is stated that a section of the Cabinet is strongly opposed to any reduction in Ministerial salaries.

#### RUSSIA'S FINANCES.

#### CAUSE DELAY IN DUMA ASSEMBLY.

PETROGRAD, December 7th.

The assembly of the Duma has been further postponed until the Budget for 1916 is ready. The Financial Commissions, owing to war conditions, are unable to complete their labours within the legal time.

#### DISASTROUS STORMS IN BRITAIN.

#### VESSELS WRECKED AND LIVES LOST.

LONDON, December 8th.

As the result of storms in Great Britain during the past two days, six vessels were wrecked on the East Coast, and there were many existing rescues. Fifteen lives were lost.

#### INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

#### MORE QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, December 7th.

In the House of Commons Sir J. D. Rees asked what was the annual number of appointments necessary to keep up the Indian Civil Service at its usual strength; whether the casualties expected in the next two years would be only a quarter or very much less than the normal figure; if so, what were the reasons? Mr. Chamberlain replied that 43 appointments made in 1914 would have been 36 in 1915 had not most of the candidates joined the Army. The Service at present exceeded the aggregate of provincial cadres. Serious disadvantage was not anticipated from reducing recruitment during the war.

Sir J. D. Rees asked whether a reply had been given to the petition of Indian Chaplains for the cancellation of the rule regarding the addition of three years probation to the period of qualification for pension? Mr. Chamberlain said the Raj had been informed he was unable to accept representations involving a considerable addition to the Ecclesiastical charges.

#### OBITUARY.

LONDON, December 7th.

The death is announced of the 1st Baron Armitstead. (The late Baron was for ten years Liberal Member of Parliament for Dundee.)

#### [HAWAII SERVICE.]

#### RUSSIA TO CALL UP 1917 CLASS.

PETROGRAD, December 7th.

An Imperial Decree has ordered the calling to the Colours during 1915 of the 1917 class.

#### NO SEPARATE PEACE.

A Press Bureau *communiqué* gives an official text of the official declaration emanating from the five Allied Powers binding themselves, by mutual consent, not to conclude a separate peace, and to put forward no peace conditions without the full agreement of the Powers who signed the accord.







## WEATHER REPORT

On the 8th at 11.35 a.m.—The Japanese depression has moved rapidly into the Pacific and the anti-cyclone has spread rapidly eastward. It is now central over Osea. At 6 a.m. this morning the typhoon centre was in about latitude 15 deg. N. and longitude 119 deg. E., travelling W. or W.N.W.

The Siamese Minister of War at Bangkok made the following speech on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to the War Office on November 8th:—  
Sire,—I beg your Majesty's kind permission to express the feeling of joy that

the hearts of all your servants of  
military profession on this occasion,  
when you deign to honour the Ministry of  
War with your presence, in order to let us  
have the opportunity of offering a dinner,  
in the name of the King, to the officers  
received from his Majesty the King of  
Great Britain and Ireland the honorary  
rank of General in the army of that  
great Power.

This event is well as the fact of His  
Britannic Majesty having become an  
honorary General in the Siamese Army  
are things that make all Siamese rejoice,  
and that they honour to the country  
and the Siamese nation, whose

We men of the army have, however, still more reason to rejoice: firstly, because we are essentially the King's own men, and the King is the supreme chief of the army, and first soldier of the realm, anything that does honour to our Chief means added honour to us all from senior officers down to privates. Therefore we feel that our collective prestige has been enhanced, and thanks to your Majesty's great destiny and perfect virtue.

Secondly, at on time all through the Siamese history has there ever been any foreign sovereign who had received Siamese military rank, but now King George V. has accepted to become a General in the Siamese Army, that is to say His Majesty has condescended to join our officers' corps, which means great honour to us army officers. Besides we like to infer that in doing this his Britannic Majesty wished to declare that the Siamese army, though small in number, can be placed on the level amongst the armies of the world, thanks to its quality. His presumed judgment makes our hearts rejoice, more than any personal honour to us could ever do; it is again only because of your Majesty's great destiny and perfect virtue that the army has received such high compliment.

Thirdly, this mutual bestowal of military ranks by the two august sovereigns shows that the relations between the British Empire and Siam have attained a state of perfect friendship; the new confirmation of cordial feelings have been shown through the respective armies, it ought to be clearly seen that armies do not exist only as instruments of strife, but can be used as instruments of good, as well. Certain persons who still fail to appreciate the value of the army should ponder over this very carefully, and they will surely change their minds, and will therefore think more kindly of our endeavours and our military efforts.

If such a change of mind should be realised according to our expectation, it will be again purely thanks to your Majesty's great destiny and perfect virtue.

We know perfectly well that all honour that has already come to us, or may still come in the future, is always derived from one and sole source, that is through your unlimited kindness and great virtues. We have nothing to offer your Majesty, in return equal to that which we received from you, we have only our physical and moral force, which is already and solely at your service.

However, in remembrance of this

special occasion of your gracious visit to the Ministry of War we beg to offer a sword, designed like the one used by British troops, as a mutual sign of our joy and of our deep loyalty to your Majesty's person.

Finally, I beg to express the very best wishes for your Majesty's welfare and long life may the honour of your name be spread far and wide in the universe may your great kindness and virtue remain through long years a secure protection for all your human subjects, as well as for the whole Siamese nation.

The King, our supreme chief, hurrah!

SIAMKING'S SPEECH

H. M. the King was graciously pleased to reply in the following terms :-

I express my sincere thanks to the Minister of War, and to all military officers who are here assembled for the purpose of showing me their goodwill. I agree with every word that the minister has just said; it gives me great pleasure to learn that the same feeling and the same thought as my own prevail in the army. I certainly consider that the honour I have received from my Britannic Majesty is not for me personally; I was surely meant to show to the world how his Majesty appreciated the progress already made by the Godes Service, and I found it baffling to the Godes State. All Siamese ought to remember that our army exists in order to ensure national progress and to defend our national existence.

Saturday, 18th Dec.—  
Noon—The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Extraordinary General Meeting.  
Monday, 20th Dec.—  
11 a.m.—Union Insurance Society of Canton  
Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting.  
11.15 p.m.—China Traders' Insurance Co.  
Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting.

It is taken for granted here that the *Hocking* was seized under the recent decision in London not to abide by the rule of the Declaration of London which decides the character of a vessel by the flag it flies. It is wondered whether it presages another controversy. The Germans evidently hope so. The *Staats-Zeitung* accuses us of black-listing American vessels to aid our trade. Other German propagandists are reviving the cry about the "freedom of the seas," while from Berlin, presumably in anticipation of the appearance of an American protest against our blockade, comes a fresh whine about the starvation of the civilian population.

It is understood that the *Hocking* was flying the American flag; but as the *Ameland* she was one of the numerous steamers bought a few months ago from Dutch owners by Jensen, the notorious Danish coal merchant, with capital provided by Hugo Stinnes, the German oilty owner, and the German-Jensen renegade her *Germanland*, for all she has been renamed three times, for she was built at West Hartlepool in 1895 as the *Pauline*.

South coast of China between Hongkong and LAMUOHA. { The same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan.. { The same as No. 1.

8TH DECEMBER A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.		Weather.
					Direction.	Force.	
Vladivostok.....	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro .....	6 a.	29.27	—	—	WNW	5	4
Hakodate .....	"	30.19	—	—	W	4	3
Tokio .....	"	30.25	—	—	NW	5	1
Koshi .....	"	30.25	—	—	SW	2	—
Nagasaki .....	"	30.21	—	—	NW	1	—
Kagoshima .....	"	30.10	—	—	WNW	1	1
Osakima .....	"	30.08	—	—	—	—	—
Naha .....	"	30.05	—	—	NE	1	1
Ishijima .....	"	29.99	—	—	NE	1	4
Bonin Is. ....	"	30.01	—	—	ESE	1	—
Chicoe .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wethaiwei .....	"	30.34	30	95	NW	—	of
Louchow .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kinkiang .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai .....	"	30.59	56	—	—	—	—
Gutaifu .....	"	30.22	62	97	N	1	4
Sharp Peak .....	"	31.5	50	76	N	1	—
Amoy .....	2 a.	30.06	65	94	W	1	0
Swatow .....	6 a.	29.82	8	94	E	1	0
Taihekou .....	"	29.98	66	—	—	—	—
Taihu .....	"	29.82	61	—	—	—	—
Taiwan .....	"	29.67	64	—	N	4	0
Koshan .....	"	29.84	58	—	NNE	5	0
Pandora .....	"	30.98	—	—	—	—	—
Canton .....	6 a.	29.99	62	94	—	—	—
Hongkong .....	"	29.95	60	80	—	—	—
Gap Rock .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Macao .....	"	30.94	64	90	NNE	2	—
Wuchow .....	2 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phu Lien .....	6 a.	30.94	66	94	SSE	4	—
Tourane .....	"	29.87	70	94	WNW	2	—
Cap St. James .....	"	29.82	73	—	WNW	—	—
Apari .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dagupan .....	"	29.46	77	94	SE	6	—
Manila .....	"	29.58	75	91	SE	4	—
Legaspi .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tacoloba .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dalo .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surigao .....	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Luzon .....	"	29.75	77	91	SW	1	—

### RADIO-TELEGRAMS

\* Lat. 22.32 N. Long. 116.9 E.

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A BAROMETER, referred to as measures barometer on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and

2 Temperature in the shade in darkness

8 HUMIDITY. In meteorology, a saturation

humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

g. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squall

7 SAID to inches & tenths and hundredths

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL  
REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 8th.

	Previous Day at 3 p.m.	On 1st at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer .....	29.92	30.00	29.95
Temperature .....	73.	68	78
Humidity .....	68	56	43
Wind Direction .....	Ea t	—	NE
" Force .....	3	0	3
Weather .....	o	of	b
Rain .....	—	—	—

Highest open air Temperature on 7th .. 73

Lowest open air Temperature on 7th 68

HONGKONG TIME TABLE.

From 9th to 16th December.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Days of Week.	Days of Month.	H'cong. Mean Time.	Height.	H'cong. Mean Time.	Height.		
Thurs.	9	h. m. 10 12 a	ft. in. 8 6	h. m. 5 20 a	ft. in. 0 3		
Fri.	10	1 10 a	4 5	6 7	2 9		
Satur.	11	10 10 a	3 1	4 7	2 9		
		2 8 a	4 5	7 0	0 8		
Sun.	12	3 13	7 4	4 58 a	4 1		
Mon.	13	3 4	4 7	7 54	1 33		
		1 30	6 6	8 11	1 4		
Tues.	14	3 57	5 0	7 57 a	1 8		
		2 50	5 9	9 38	2 3		
Wed.	15	4 44	5 4	10 8 a	2 1		
		4 20	5 4	10 25	2 5		
		5 22 a	5 3	11 48	3 8		

fact of having such a high personage with us makes our army stand aloof among other armies of Asiatic countries. I ask you all to join heartily with me in drinking to the health of his Majesty the King of Great Britain and Ireland, my senior Brother and friend, hurrah!



## SHIPPING

**ARRIVALS**  
CHINIL, British str., 1,143, Loyd, 8th December—Wuhu 3rd December, Rhee—Butterfield & Swire.  
DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., 60, Saito, 8th December—Swatow 7th December, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
HAICHING, British str., 207, W. C. Piesmore, 7th December—Fuzhou 4th December, General—Douglas Lap-  
trick & Co.  
HYEIKONG, British str., 490, James A. H. Haude, 7th December—Suigon 27th November—Order.  
MATSU MARU, Japanese str., 1,241, K. Takana, 7th December—Dai-ny 1st December, Pigs—Chinese.  
OLEG, Russian str., 1,370, P. Mender, 7th December—Vladivostok 23rd November, General—Chinese.  
PROMETHEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024, O. Hoien, 7th December—Bangkok 27th November, General—Thoresen & Co.  
TAMON MARU, Japanese str., 1,827, I. Fujita, 7th December—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.  
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## CLEARANCES

IN THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
December 8th.  
SUNGKONG, British str., for Hoihow.  
TEAN, British str., for Manila.

## DEPARTURES

December 8th.  
DIVA, Norwegian str., for Canton.  
EUGENIA, British str., for Dany.  
EUGENIA, British str., for Singapore.  
FUCHING, Chinese str., for Amoy.  
FUKU MARU, Jap. str., for Wakanatsu.  
HAKUTO MARU, Jap. str., for Sanyang.  
JAPAN, British str., for Singapore.  
KAIYO MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow.  
MONTAGUE, British str., for Shanghai.  
PENANG MARU, Jap. str., for Shanghai.  
RANGONG MARU, Jap. str., for Moji.  
SHASHING, British str., for Shanghai.  
SOSHU MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow.  
TANBAN MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow.  
TULLIWONG, Dutch str., for Amoy.  
TUTARONG, Dutch str., for Miki.  
TUTARONG, Dutch str., for Hongkong.  
TUTARONG, Dutch str., for Bangkok.  
YINGCHOW, British str., for Shanghai.

## VESSELS EXPECTED

MECHANIC STEAMERS.  
The str. Dendora from Middlebro', Leith, and London, left Singapore for this port on 4th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 11th inst.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.  
Laisang, from Moji, is due in Hongkong on 9th December.  
Kwangang, from Shanghai, is due in Hongkong on 10th December.

## VESSELS ON THE BERKE

FOR VANCOUVER AND SEATTLE

THE Steamship

"KAIFUKU MARU"  
About the 10th December.  
For Freight and particulars apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th November, 1915. [1909]

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His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched  
from this port on or about THURSDAY, the  
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and Cargo for the above Ports, in  
connection with the Co.'s steamer "MOOTZAN",  
from Colombo, passengers' accommodation  
in which vessel is secured before departure  
from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables and Tea and Cargo for  
Italy, France and London (under arrange-  
ment) will be transhipped at Colombo into  
the Mail Steamer proceeding via Bombay to  
Marseilles and London. Other Cargo for  
London, etc., will be conveyed via Bombay  
and transhipped to the steamer "CALEDONIA",  
due in London about the 19th Jan., 1916.

Parcels will be received at the Office  
until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The  
contents and value of all packages are required.  
For further particulars, apply to  
E. V. D. PARR,  
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Hongkong, 6th December, 1915. [1]

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## SECTIONS

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & NO.	DEPART	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & BOMBAY VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	NAMUR	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. Collyer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 16th inst., at 3 P.M.
LONDON & HULL	KIOTO	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. Manley	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 18th inst.
LONDON & BOMBAY VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	NAMUR	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. Manley	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 30th inst.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	POLYTHESION	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. Manley	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 11th inst., at 6 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAMU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Shimizu	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA MANILA, &c.	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Nagase	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VICTORIA & TACOMA	CANADA MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Sanyu	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at 3 P.M.
VANCOUVER & SEATTLE	KAIFUKU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Sanyu	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 10th inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	KATHLAMBA	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. Chiba	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 16th Jan.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA & JAPAN, &c.	SHINTO MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Fluer	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 11th inst., at Noon
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	SHINTO MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Fluer	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Noon
SAN FRANCISCO	ABAKAN	Jap. str.	1 m.	H. E. Hamilton	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 9th Jan.
PERUVIAN & CHILE PORTS VIA JAPAN	KIYO MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Boyd	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAKO MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAKO MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst., at 11 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	ST. ALBANS	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 24th inst.
DELAGO BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, &c.	KATHLAMBA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at 10 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at D'light
MOJI & KOBE	KUMANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 12th inst., at D'light
TIENTSIN & WEIHAIWEI	CHIPSING	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI	SHANTUNG	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 13th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHINTU	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 14th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	WINGANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI	ATHOS	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 17th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI	ANSHU	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 17th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	SWOWANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 18th inst.
SHANGHAI	YUANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	DAVID SASSON & Co., Ltd.	On 24th inst.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 1st Jan.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 12th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	On 14th inst., at 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	On 17th inst., at 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	On 11th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 13th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 16th inst.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at 7 A.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 11th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 25th Jan.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	THE BANK LINE, LTD.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	NOVABA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. S. Balkie	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 11th Dec. 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"WINGSANG"	Sunday, 12th Dec. D'light.
SANDAKAN	"WINGSANG"	Sunday, 12th Dec. D'light.
SHANGHAI	"WINGSANG"	Tuesday, 14th Dec. Noon.
SHANGHAI	"WINGSANG"	Wednesday, 15th Dec. D'light.
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## SHIPPING IN PORT

ARRIVALS.  
ALBANA, British str., 2,498, Wm. Dunbar, 5th December—Chinwangtao, 27th November, Coal—Doddwell & Co.  
CANADA MARU, Japanese str., 3,548, T. Sanyu, 5th December—Shanghai 2nd December, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
CHOSEN MARU, Japanese str., 1,800, S. Yamano, 6th December—Choribon, Sugar—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
CHIRISHING, British str., 1,169, H. G. N. Walker, 3rd December—Tientsin 27th November, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
DIVA, Norwegian str., 833, J. Jargenson, 4th December—Dairen 28th November, Beans—Thoresen & Co.  
DRUMELTAN, British barque, 1,620, A. Watt, 20th November—New York 20th July, Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.  
FOOCHOW, British str., 1,228, F. R. Owen, 6th December—Tientsin 29th November, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
FUKU MARU, Japanese str., 3,999, H. Chieski, 4th December—Moji 25th November, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.  
HINSANG, British str., 1,885, A. C. Kennedy, 1st December—Sandakan 23rd November, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
HONGKONG, French str., 739, A. Marguerite, 4th December—Haiphong 2nd December, General—A. R. Marty.  
KWANGHAI, Chinese str., 1,350, McArthur, 26th November—Shanghai 22nd November, General—Chinese.  
KUMOROW, British str., 1,450, J. A. Martin, 8th December—Saigon 25th November, Rice and General—Order.  
KUMANG, British str., 3,239, P. Knight, 6th December—Singapore 29th November, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
LAERTES, British str., 1,340, A. Jenkins, 30th November—Saigon 23rd November, Rice—Chinese.  
MOUZA, British str., 1,247, J. Telmes, 30th November—Newcastle, N.S.W. 26th November, Ballast—Order.  
NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 2,965, H. S. Smith, 6th December—San Francisco 6th November, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.  
PNEUMONIA, British str., 1,965, W. C. Bird, 6th December—Saigon 29th November, Rice and General—Order.  
SHASHING, British str., 1,307, Hobbs, November 28th—Wuhu 23rd November, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.  
SHINGO MARU, Japanese str., 2,683, T. Chiba, 6th December—Manila 3rd December, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.  
TAITAN, British str., 2,309, H. E. Hamilton, 6th December—Melbourne 10th November, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
TAMBAN MARU, Japanese str., 3,593, S. Nagase, 7th December—Seattle 21st November, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
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